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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - DARFUR VIOLENCE

LEAD STORIES: Most Monday morning papers gave top play to PM Abe's meeting in Hiroshima on Sunday, the eve of the 62nd anniversary of the atomic bombing of the city, with representatives of seven groups of atomic bomb survivors, during which he pledged to review the GOJ's criteria for recognizing whether those survivors suffer from radiation diseases and are thus eligible for special medical allowances. Abe reportedly apologized for former Defense Minister Kyuma's remarks terming the atomic bombings "unavoidable."

"Resolve of the International Community Tested" The conservative Sankei editorialized (8/6): "The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) unanimously adopted a resolution to send a UN-African Union hybrid force known as UNAMID on a peacekeeping mission to Darfur, western Sudan. The violence in Darfur, which erupted into fighting between the Sudanese government and pro-government militias and anti-government forces in 2003, has claimed the lives of over 200,000 people and displaced more than 2 million others. It has been called the worst humanitarian crisis in the world at present. Although the UNSC adopted a resolution in August 2006 for a peacekeeping mission in Darfur, the Sudanese government rejected the mission, claiming that it would violate its sovereignty and only lead to an increase in the number of victims. We welcome the Sudanese government's acceptance, late though it is, of the peacekeeping mission through the good offices of UN Secretary General Ban and other officials as the first

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step toward ending the violence.... The peacekeeping mission in Darfur cannot be allowed to fail, as the credibility of the entire UN is on the line."

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